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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated December 31, 2002 (Paper No. 35) for which a Response is due on March 31, 2003. Reexamination and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit this Amendment within two months of the mailing of the final Office Action and request expedited procedure of this matter.

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